

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Markus Frank et al.

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For: METHOD FOR INCREASING RESISTANCE  
AGAINST STRESS FACTORS IN PLANTS

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.